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As a shareholder of both Microsoft and Apple Stock and a US citizen, I hope that you take the time to look closely as how this proposed settlement will affect Microsoft's monopoly. From what I have read it appears that the proposed settlement will actually increase Microsoft's monopoly in one of the few places where their competitors (specifically Apple Computer) remain strong.

As proven time and time again the cost of Upkeep for Microsoft systems is so astronomically high, where Apple computers last longer with less maintenance.

By "donating" billions of dollars to schools, Microsoft will in effect be locking them into an expensive upgrade and maintenance package with an inferior solution, while extending their monopoly into a market that they have traditionally had trouble making inroads into.

Please don't permit this to happen.

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